MASTER...

CLENCH

AH...!

SO YOU'RE...

...LEAVING?

BLOOD BANK

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HUMPTY DUMPTY?

AN ART BY THE NAME OF ELLIE ASKED ME TO GIVE YOU THIS LETTER...

ELLIE DID...?

...

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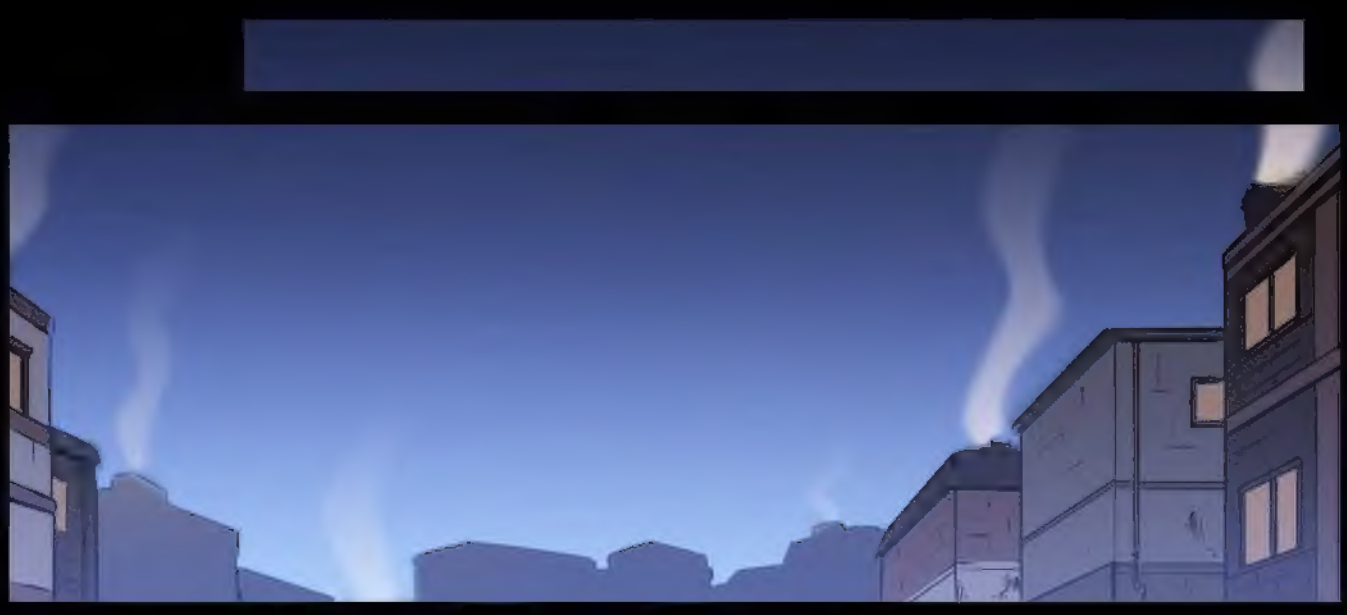

...A MIRACLE HAS HAPPENED, MASTER SHELL.

I WISH I COULD SHOW IT TO YOU, TOO...
THEN YOU WOULDN'T BE AS LONELY AS YOU ARE NOW...

...I'M SORRY.

CREAK

...ELLIE.

SO YOU'VE MADE YOUR DECISION.

YES.

I WAS REALLY SURPRISED LAST TIME.

I NEVER IMAGINED YOU WOULD HELP ME...

...SO YOU'RE LEAVING?

...THEN GO SOUTH, WHERE ITS ABANDONED.

THE BLOOD LORDS' VACATION HOME THERE IS ABANDONED BECAUSE IT'S TOO WARM.

REALLY... I WISH YOU WOULD'VE PUT ON A GENTLER EXPRESSION IF YOU WERE GOING TO HELP ME...

...

AND WHITE BONES?

SHE'S ALREADY AT THE MIDLANDS.

I'M PLANNING TO STOWAWAY ON THE FREIGHT TRAINS HEADED SOUTH.

I'M GOING TO NEED TO WALK A LOT AFTER THAT...

...

...THERE'S SOMETHING I'VE WANTED TO ASK.

HOW COME...

...YOU NEVER DRANK FROM ME?

SLIP

...?

...AT FIRST I THOUGHT YOU WERE JUST TESTING ME.

"MY MASTER IS LOOKING FOR SOMETHING DIFFERENT IN A HUMAN."

"OTHERWISE, THERE'S NO WAY HE WOULD BUY A USED ART LIKE ME."

THAT'S WHY,

WHENEVER I WAS IN FRONT OF YOU, I WAS NERVOUS.

I TRIED MY BEST NOT TO LOOK NERVOUS.

I WAS BEING TOO ARROGANT.

I WASN'T GOOD ENOUGH TO BE TESTED.

YOU WERE JUST...

SLIP...

...I WANTED TO KEEP YOU HOW YOU ARE.

AT FIRST, OUT OF CURIOSITY.

AND THEN, TO KEEP WATCHING.

AND AS I... CONTINUED TO WATCH HOW YOU SPOKE, THOUGHT, ACTED...

...I COULDN'T BRING MYSELF TO DRINK FROM YOU..

THAT'S WHY.

IF ONLY...

I HAD KNOWN THE TRUTH SOONER...

...PLEASE TAKE CARE OF MASTER SHELL.

HE'S A VERY LONELY CHILD. AND WITH ME GONE...

THAT'S WHAT WORRIES ME MOST.

SLIP...

...THEN...

THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING.

GOODB...

ELLIE...

...GO.

YOU'RE FREE NOW.

GO AND...

...LIVE THE LIFE YOU WANT.

CREAK...

YOU'RE ALWAYS READING BY YOURSELF IN THE STUDY.

AREN'T YOU LONELY?

...HE LEFT ME.

THAT BEAUTIFUL PERSON...
TOOK ELLIE AWAY FROM ME.

ELLIE,
ARE YOU...NOT LONELY,
ANYMORE?

ARE YOU HAPPY?

...WHAT ABOUT ME?

WHAT SHOULD I DO, ELLIE...?

...ELLIE.
I COULDN'T TELL YOU THE WHOLE TRUTH.

A BLOOD LORD LIKE ME...
IS A MURDERER OF YOUR SPECIES.

I COULDN'T HOLD ONTO YOU WITH MY BLOOD-STAINED HANDS.

LEAVE THIS
VIOLENT WORLD.

UNTIL THERE COMES
A DAY WHEN YOU CAN RETURN.

CRASH

I THOUGHT YOU SAID YOU COULDN'T FIND THEM, ANYMORE?

THEY WERE NEVER REALLY INTERESTED IN EACH OTHER BEFORE, BUT I GUESS HER LEAVING WAS A BIG SHOCK?

FINISHED~

...NO.

IT'S BECAUSE HIS POSSESSION DISOBEYED HIM.

...HM~

THAT REMINDS ME, I HEARD THE MIDLANDS' BLOOD LORD'S ART ALSO DISAPPEARED.

AH, YOU DIDN'T KNOW?

WEREN'T YOU TWO CLOSE?

I THOUGHT HE MIGHT'VE LEFT YOU A MESSAGE OR SOMETHING... BUT MAYBE I WAS WRONG.

SLIDE

...

ELLIE'S...MESSAGE...

RRRIP

To be continued